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Fire Chief Leu is Sworn In at City Council Meeting

On Monday, July 27, our new Fire Chief, Craig Leu, was sworn in by Mayor Steve Gaer at the City Council Meeting. Welcome to the family, Chief! We look forward to your vision and leadership.



Upcoming Dates

August 4 – Union Meeting
August 5 – Association Meeting
August 8 – MDA Fill the Boot
August 19 – Hall of Flame @ State Fair



Resignations

Craig Coder and Logan Sherry, both Station 22 POCs, have resigned. We wish them well with their new career paths.

Educational Achievements

Tyler Wallace – NAEMT

Ryan Gordon – Certificate in Fire Science from
Columbia Southern University

July Incident Types

Rescue and EMS – 98 (down 5)

False Alarms – 89 (up 28) *

Good Intents – 28 (down 8)

Fire – 12 (up 1)

Hazardous Conditions (no fire) – 12 (up 1)

Service – 9 (same)

Special Incident Type – 1 (down 1)

Overpressure, Explosion, Etc. (no fire) – 1
(down 1)

Severe Weather & Natural Disaster – 1 (up 1)



Positive Pressure Attack and
Advancing Hoseline Drills

Fire Department Donation

A great group of ladies stopped by Station 21 to present us with a donation. RMC CWA Retirees Local 7102 donated a Wag'N O2 Fur Life Kit to the fire department. The pet oxygen masks found a home on the engine at Station 19.

They realized that losing a pet due to a house fire can be a devastating experience, so they thought that with this equipment, they could help make a difference for a family.





Weight of Firefighter Equipment

People are always asking if our gear is hot and how much it weighs, so we created a Facebook post with FF Bruening to help answer those questions.

We had Bruening weigh himself without any gear. Then we had him weigh himself with bunker gear, an air pack, and a tool used for a typical call. Last, we added a high-rise hose pack used for structure fires in tall buildings.

For a typical call wearing bunker gear, an air pack and a tool, it was 87 more pounds of weight. For a structure fire adding a high-rise hose pack, it was 147 more pounds of weight.

The great thing about this post was that it reached 12,156 people!

Mutual Aid for Waukee

WDM Crews were called to assist Waukee Fire for a two alarm house fire on Monday, July 27. E220, L215 and E190 assisted with an exterior attack and positive pressure ventilation.



Riding Across the State on a Bicycle...Ouch

Congratulations to
WDM L3586
Bicycle Club for
participating in
RAGBRAI this year.



Riders were Eric Kozak, Jim Kirkman, Travis Boots, Eric Brenneman and wife Melanie, and WDM EMS Paramedic Lindsay Mortenson. Photo and transportation by Paul O'Connell.



Trivia Question

What was our busiest day in July?

(Sunday the 12th with 16 calls.)

Burn Cell Demonstration



Firefighters Carlson, Jess and Schumacher assisted Grinnell Mutual Insurance with several burn cell demonstrations on July 16th. Grinnell Mutual hosted a class at the WDM Marriott that was attended by 150 insurance claims professionals from all over the country and Canada.

Their outstanding work and professionalism was greatly appreciated by all those in attendance and helped promote the WDM Fire Department in a very positive manner. All three were awarded an On the Spot.



Functional Firefighter Fitness

If you need some reading material, for whatever reason, Fire Engineering has a good article on the fundamentals of functional firefighter fitness. Just follow this link:

<http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/2015/06/four-fundamentals-of-firefighter-functional-fitness.html>

